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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 71.9 degrees, 1.6 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, July 18. Precipitation averaged 1.00 inches, 0.18 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 27 points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, July 16 . This is 0.5 days above last year and 0.4 days above the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 35 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	6.2	6.2	57.9
2003	5.7	1.0	52.7
1999-2003 Average	5.8	5.2	66.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	5	35	55	5
Last Week	2	22	71	5
Same Week Last Year	0	5	80	15
1999-2003 Average	20	25	49	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 18

Corn silked is approximately 67 percent completed, 10 days ahead of last year, and nine days ahead of the five-year average. **Corn** in dough is roughly five percent complete, 12 days ahead of 2003 and 10 days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. **Winter wheat** is virtually harvested, 10 days ahead of the previous year and about five days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Approximately 50 percent of **Oats** are ripe, compared to 33 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average. **Oats** harvested is 14 percent completed,

compared to seven percent last year and 16 percent for the 1999-2003 average. Sixty-six percent of the **soybeans** are blooming, 24 percent above last year, and 12 percent above the five-year average. Fifteen percent of **Soybeans** are setting pods. This is seven days ahead of last year and five days below the five-year average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 95 percent of their crop planted, which is slightly ahead of the previous year. The second cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 50 percent complete, three days ahead of 2003, but four days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is two percent complete, four days ahead of last year, and the same as the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 33 percent complete, about eight days ahead of last year, but three days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Other Hay** at one percent complete, 10 days ahead of last year, and the same as the five-year average. **Apples** are currently at 29 percent harvested. **Peaches** are slightly lower at 22 percent harvested.

This past week, farmers have been harvesting wheat, baling hay, and spraying soybeans. Wheat harvesting is wrapping up in many counties, especially in the North Central part of the state. Wood and Ashland counties are finishing wheat harvesting. Harvesting has already been completed in Ross, Marion, Morrow, and Henry counties. The weather appears to be going from one extreme to the other, from too much rain and now not enough. Drier and colder temperatures have caused some of the crops in the fields of Ashtabula and Clark counties to deteriorate. Sunlight has been needed in many areas across the state while rain has been needed in other areas. Fayette, Fairfield, and Miami counties reported very dry conditions. Signs of drought in the corn fields were reported in Pickaway and Crawford counties. Wheat scab was reported in Medina county. The apple growth appears to be good in Lorain county.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pasture condition was rated at 59 percent good to excellent compared to 63 percent the previous week. Livestock generally was good except for a few deer flies and horse flies bothering the cattle in Columbiana and Medina county.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 18

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd cutting	50	44	64	31	NA
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting	2	1	4	NA	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	29	19	26	28	NA
Corn silked	67	22	30	28	32
Corn in dough	5	NA	1	NA	5
Cucumbers planted	95	94	99	85	NA
Peaches harvested	22	8	13	17	NA
Oats ripe	50	33	54	14	NA
Oats harvested	14	7	16	2	NA
Other Hay 2 nd cutting	33	21	39	14	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	1	NA	1	NA	NA
Soybeans blooming	66	42	54	35	39
Soybeans setting pods	15	4	10	NA	6
Winter wheat harvested	97	62	89	77	69

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 18

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	26	45	15
Previous Week	3	10	25	45	17
Previous Year	3	10	30	41	16
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	12	31	43	9
Previous Week	5	19	29	37	10
Previous Year	3	10	32	45	10
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	14	29	48	8
Previous Week	1	15	32	43	9
Previous Year	2	6	32	53	7
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	30	48	11
Previous Week	2	7	28	49	14
Previous Year	1	5	25	50	19
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	13	31	40	11
Previous Week	4	12	30	41	13
Previous Year	4	11	32	42	11

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 18

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	72.1	-1.7	1.28	0.62	14.49	1.77	133	-27	1564	49
North Central	71.8	-1.6	1.05	0.32	15.86	2.71	132	-26	1547	72
Northeast	69.2	-2.4	1.12	0.29	17.18	3.78	117	-31	1407	20
West Central	72.3	-1.7	1.07	0.25	15.57	1.31	137	-26	1697	113
Central	72.5	-1.3	1.27	0.25	17.50	3.18	135	-26	1713	110
Central Hills	71.0	-1.5	1.03	0.21	19.14	4.99	128	-25	1549	72
Northeast Hills	69.9	-2.7	0.85	-0.03	17.84	3.83	120	-34	1544	47
Southwest	73.5	-1.2	0.75	0.05	14.67	-0.54	141	-25	1816	140
South Central	73.3	-1.4	0.61	-0.20	16.48	2.63	139	-26	1855	148
Southeast	72.3	-1.2	0.90	0.03	17.04	3.06	134	-25	1715	117
STATE	71.9	-1.6	1.00	0.18	16.46	2.55	133	-27	1653	92

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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